

REMARKS

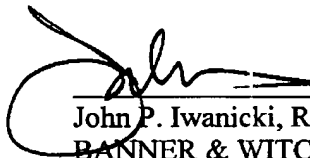
At page two of the instant Office Action, the Examiner has required restriction between two groups of inventions, namely claims 1-17, drawn to a method (Group I), classified in class 156, subclass 89.11; and claims 18-22, drawn to an article (Group II), classified in class 428, subclass 304.4.

Applicants respectfully traverse the restriction requirement. Applicants believe that the subject matter of claims 1-17 and 18-22 is interrelated to the extent that a search and examination of the subject matter of those claims in the same application would not be overburdensome.

Notwithstanding, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-17 for prosecution on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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